AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing emission of pollutants from an internal combustion engine including at least one combustion chamber, comprising:

injecting a fuel emulsion comprising a liquid hydrocarbon fuel, water, at least one emulsifier and at least one oxygen-containing water soluble organic compound into the at least one combustion chamber, wherein the at least one oxygen-containing water soluble organic compound is selected from glycols, polyols, ethers, ketones, and mixtures thereof ~~and with the proviso that the at least one emulsifier is not an alkoxylated alkyl phenol~~;

igniting the fuel emulsion in the at least one combustion chamber in the presence of air; and

operating the internal combustion engine so as to reduce peak combustion temperature in the at least one combustion chamber with a method selected from:

(i) recirculating a portion of exhaust gases produced during ignition into the at least one combustion chamber,

(ii) controlling injection timing of the fuel emulsion in the combustion chamber, and

(iii) compressing and cooling intake air before entering the combustion chamber.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Canceled)

42. (Canceled)

43. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 39, wherein the water is present in an amount not greater than 15% by weight.

44. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 43, wherein the water is present in an amount of 2 to 12% by weight.

45. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 44, wherein the water is present in an amount of 2.5 to 10% by weight.

46. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 45, wherein the water is present in an amount of 3 to 8% by weight.

47. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 39, wherein the oxygen-containing water soluble organic compound is present in a predetermined amount so as to obtain an amount of water soluble organic oxygen of 0.1 to 5% by weight.

48. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 47, wherein the oxygen-containing water soluble organic compound is present in a predetermined amount so as to obtain an amount of water soluble organic oxygen of 0.3 to 4% by weight.

49. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 48, wherein the oxygen-containing water soluble organic compound is present in a predetermined amount so as to obtain an amount of water soluble organic oxygen of 0.5 to 2.5% by weight.

50. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 49, wherein the oxygen-containing water soluble organic compound is present in a predetermined amount so as to obtain an amount of water soluble organic oxygen of 0.8 to 2% by weight.

51. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 39, wherein the oxygen-containing water soluble organic compound is a non-ionic organic compound having at

least one oxygen-containing group selected from: hydroxyl group, ether group, ester group, ketone group, peroxy group, and combinations thereof.

52. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 39, wherein the oxygen-containing water soluble organic compound has a solubility in water at 20°C of at least 5% by weight.

53. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 52, wherein the oxygen-containing water soluble organic compound has a solubility in water at 20°C of at least 8% by weight.

54. (Canceled)

55. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 39, wherein the emulsifier has a hydrophilic-lipophilic balance (HLB) of 2 to 10.

56. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 55, wherein the emulsifier has a hydrophilic-lipophilic balance (HLB) of 3 to 8.

57. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 39, wherein the emulsifier is present in an amount of 0.1 to 10% by weight.

58. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 57, wherein the emulsifier is present in an amount of 0.5 to 5% by weight.

59-76. (Canceled)

77. (New) The method according to claim 39, further comprising reducing pollution in the form of particulates.